Cal Poly Alumni Look Back with ‘retro•spective’ Exhibit Nov. 2 – Jan. 6

SAN LUIS OBISPO – An upcoming alumni exhibition, “retro•spective,” will showcase works by six Cal Poly alumni demonstrating a wide range of disciplines and perspectives. The free and public exhibit is scheduled to run Nov. 2 through Jan. 6 in the Kennedy Library Gallery at the Commons. An opening reception is set at the same location for Nov. 2 at 4:30 p.m.

The following alumni will look back on their undergraduate years, exhibiting a body of work that signifies Cal Poly teaching philosophies, influential professors and experiences:

Heidi Harmon (HIST ’98)
is an assemblage artist who creates three-dimensional symbolic and metaphorical structures that mirror her desire to capture the implied history of found objects as art.

Sumaya Agha (ART ’97)
is a documentary still photographer and photojournalist capturing images of people, places, events and culture.

Katie Newman Winkler (ART ’91)
will display drawings and paintings, all influenced by her design skills and her appreciation for typography.

Donna Kandel (MATH ’01, CRD ’02)
illustrates concepts of hyperbolic geometry in an artistic format, allowing for an aesthetic presentation of complex mathematical principles.

Mandi Metzgar (GrC ’06)
will display a children’s book she designed and published as her senior project entitled “The Monarch's Call.” This book was written by her mother and illustrated by her grandmother.

Jim Dee (JOUR ’75)
focuses on the art of cinema and radio and will display his private “Cinema Zoo” collection of vintage independent film posters and KCPR memorabilia.

The exhibition features work in a variety of media, in keeping with the diverse range of interests taken by Cal Poly's alumni since their undergraduate days. Cal Poly Art & Design student Paradise Osorio curated the exhibition with graphic design by student Jason Martinez.

The gallery will be open during normal library hours and also during Homecoming weekend, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. All students, alumni, parents and friends are encouraged to visit this unique and fascinating collection.

In celebration of the art of cinema, patrons of the Palm Theatre in San Luis Obispo will receive a $1 off admission Nov. 2 through Jan. 6 by showing the exhibition postcard or by showing their Cal Poly Alumni Association membership card. This is not valid with any other offer, discount, coupon or promotion.

For more information on “retro•spective,” visit the Library's Web site at www.lib.calpoly.edu or call 805-756-2305. For library hours, visit www.lib.calpoly.edu/about/hours. The event is sponsored by Kennedy Library and is in collaboration with the Cal Poly Alumni Association.

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